

phrased it: "Why should the government investigate a community because there are 2,500 people in that community that want the investigation and there are 100,000 who do not want it?" "

Now everybody up there in the copper country knows that the striking miners and the scabs who are at work do not associate. Hearst's paper says on one day that there are only 2,500 miners on strike, and yet on another day says that over 30,000 miners and their wives attended the funeral.

Can't YOU see that Hearst's reporter is off on his arithmetic somewhere?

Incidentally, it is interesting to note that the Copper Range Railroad is controlled by the mining company.

All through the story in today's Examiner there is an apparent attempt to play down the importance of the strike. The story starts off with this statement:

"Intervention by the United States seems as unpopular with the citizens of the copper empire as it does with the residents of Mexico \* \* \* I have not heard of one person who favored such a course on the part of the government except Congressman W. J. MacDonald. \* \* \* Citizens generally expressed themselves as being opposed to a congressional investigation on the ground that there was no condition in the copper country to warrant such action."

Later on in his story the Hearst reporter quotes Capt. Vickery, of the Asher agency of New York, as saying that while at one time there were 200 armed guards in the copper country from the outside, that "not more than 30 or 40 remained in the district at present."

And the Hearst reporter gives it as his personal opinion that:

"Personally I cannot see any very serious condition of affairs here that the local authorities cannot deal with."

By way of contrast, I will now quote the opening paragraphs of the story of the Tribune reporter sent from Calumet and published in today's Tribune:

"Miners, citizens and paid detectives are walking the snow-covered streets of Calumet tonight with loaded revolvers. More than 500 citizens have been armed, sworn in as deputy sheriffs and ordered to assemble in Calumet at the blowing of seven blasts of the whistle.

"The feeling of the striking miners and their leaders against the mine managers, members of the Citizens' Association and the imported strike-breakers from New York is bitter. The Citizens' Association has developed a feeling just as desperate against the leaders of the miners still on strike.

"Business has been paralyzed by the five months' strike, and the hitherto peaceful towns of Calumet and Houghton with their two policemen are now crowded with detectives and watchmen furnished by the Waddell-Mahon Company of New York and the Ascher Detective Agency.

"Houses of the more prominent merchants are guarded by detectives, and officers of the mines and members of the Western Federation of Miners walk the streets with two or three husky gunmen trailing them closely."

The scenes of peace described by the Examiner and the war-like situation described by the Tribune are pictures of the same town on the same day.

The Tribune story is the only one that anywhere nearly approaches the truth.

In September at the county building in Houghton, Sheriff Cruse told me in the presence of other newspaper men that he had 1,200 deputies on the county pay roll, and that 400 of these were what he called company men.